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'MID THE CATSKILL MOUNTAINS

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'Mid the Catskill Mountains

By John W. Rusk

THE area included in the scenic region of the Catskills would be difficult to match in this country and possibly in the world, containing as it does so many beautiful and diversified views. The office of this book is to illustrate a few of the more prominent scenes in this locality, as it would be impossible in a work of this size, to give more than a faint idea of the hundreds of grand, imposing, restful glimpses of nature to be found here.

Fragments of these were first brought to the notice of the public by our landscape painters, who were the first to find and appreciate the beauties of this region. As early as 1848-49 such painters as Kensett, Durand, Casalier, Hatch, Richardson, Peele and others whose names the writer has forgotten, came up the Kaaterskill Canyon, and transferred many of the wild and beautiful scenes to their canvases, which were exhibited to the public. Thus was started the stream of summer guests to these mountains, which has increased annually by thousands, until now it has become one of the largest and most popular summer resorts in this country.

Could these old painters revisit today the scenes of their early labors they would be astonished at the many changes which have been made since that time, and at the great throng of summer visitors met with everywhere.

Yet the physical features of the country remain the same—the same grand old forests, the same majestic never-changing rocks, the same verdure-covered, soul-resting curves of the mountain peaks, the same inspiration-filling views as far as the eye can reach—and the grand old Hudson all in the marvelous panorama below the dweller on the mountain top.

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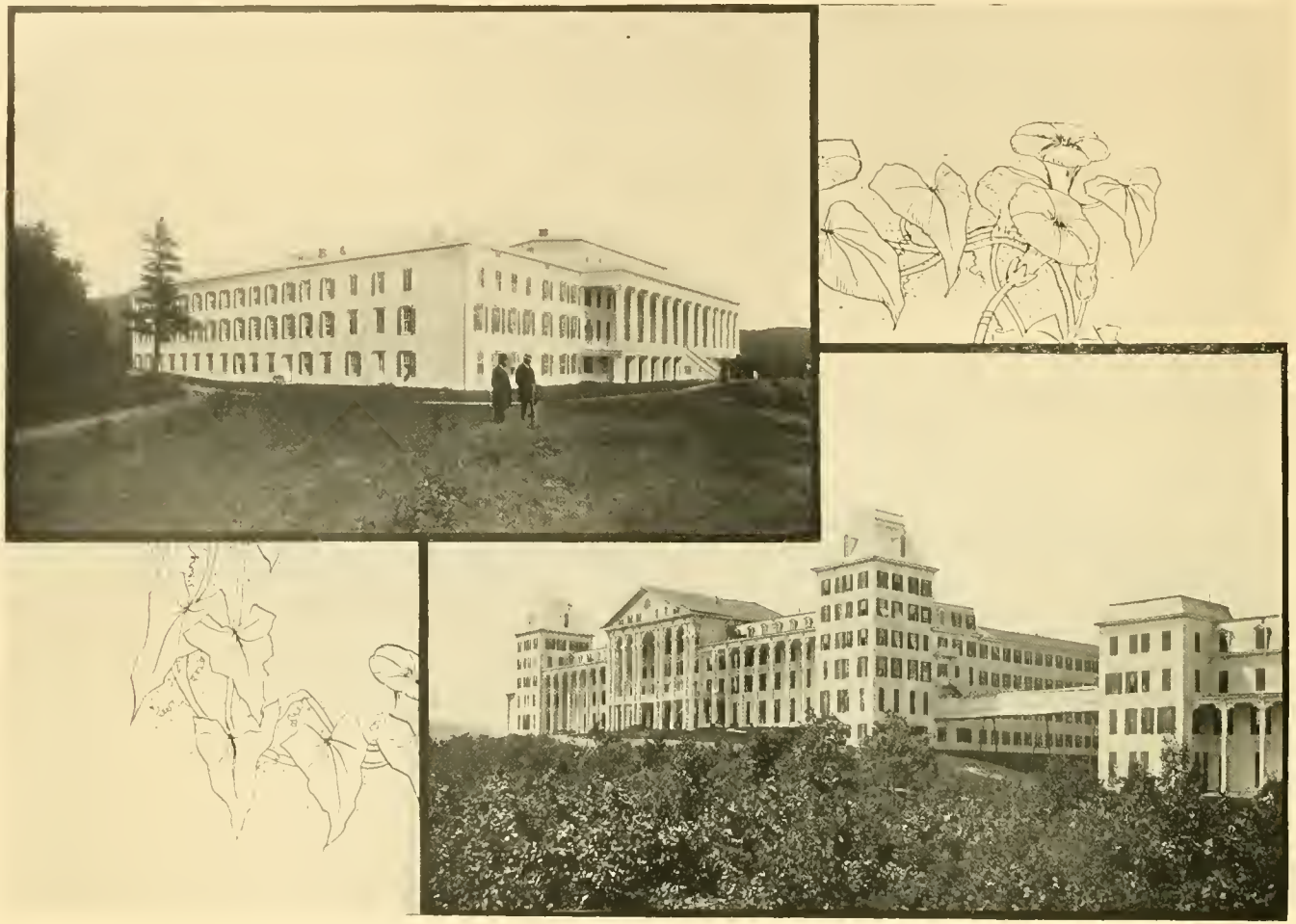
SUNSET ROCK, KAATERSKILL CLOVE

KAATERSKILL FALLS



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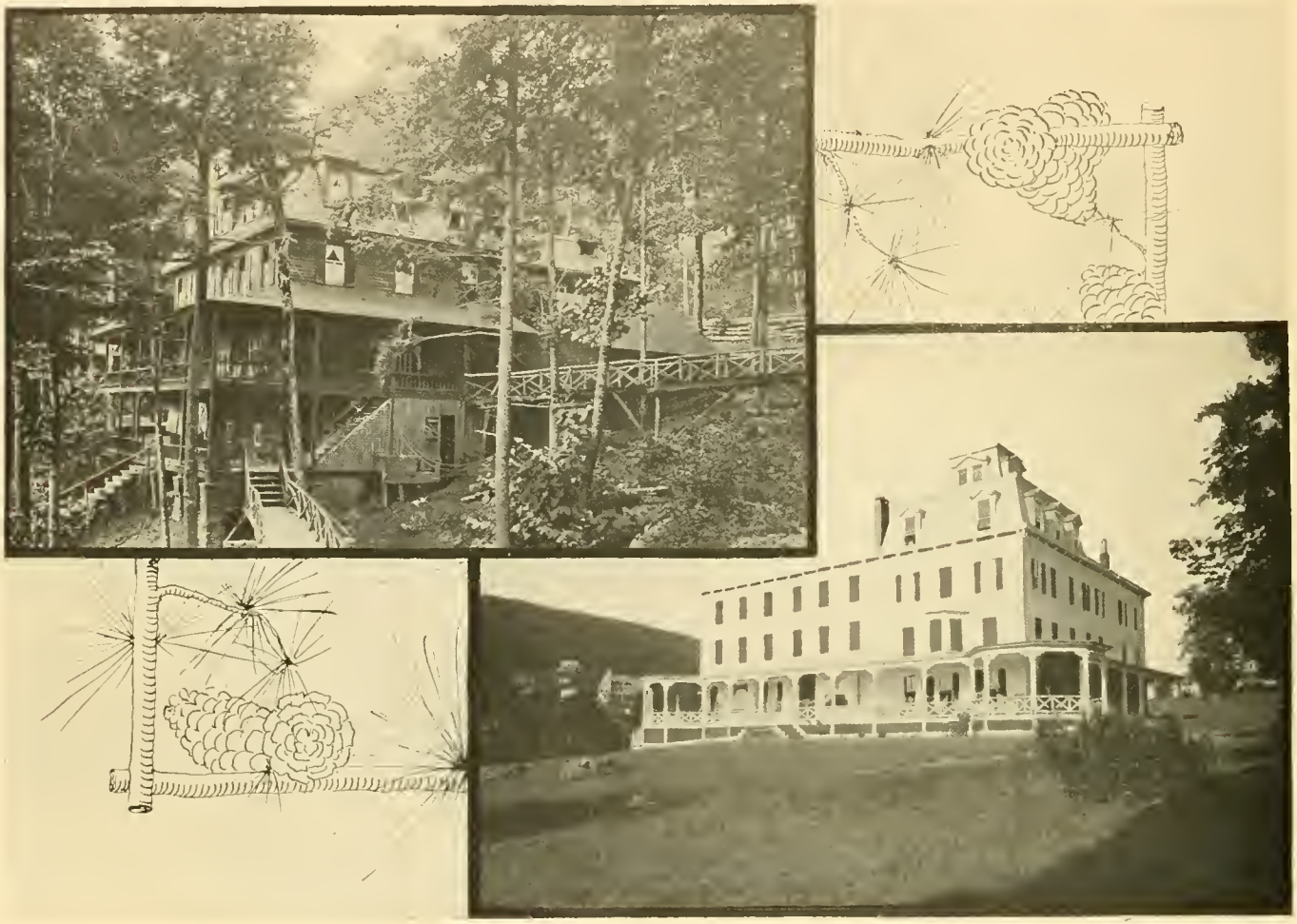

SANTA CRUZ LODGE

HAINES FALLS HOUSE

SCHOHARIE MANOR TWILIGHT REST THE CLAREMONT

OLD BOAT HOUSE, KAATERSKILL LAKE

ROTUNDA, SQUIRREL INN

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF A TYPICAL CATSKILL COTTAGE

TWILIGHT, SANTA CRUZ AND SUNSET PARKS FROM LAUREL HOUSE

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TWILIGHT AND SUNSET PARKS. HIGH PEAK AND ROUND TOP IN DISTANCE

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THE SPHINX

ALL ANGELS CHURCH, TWILIGHT PARK

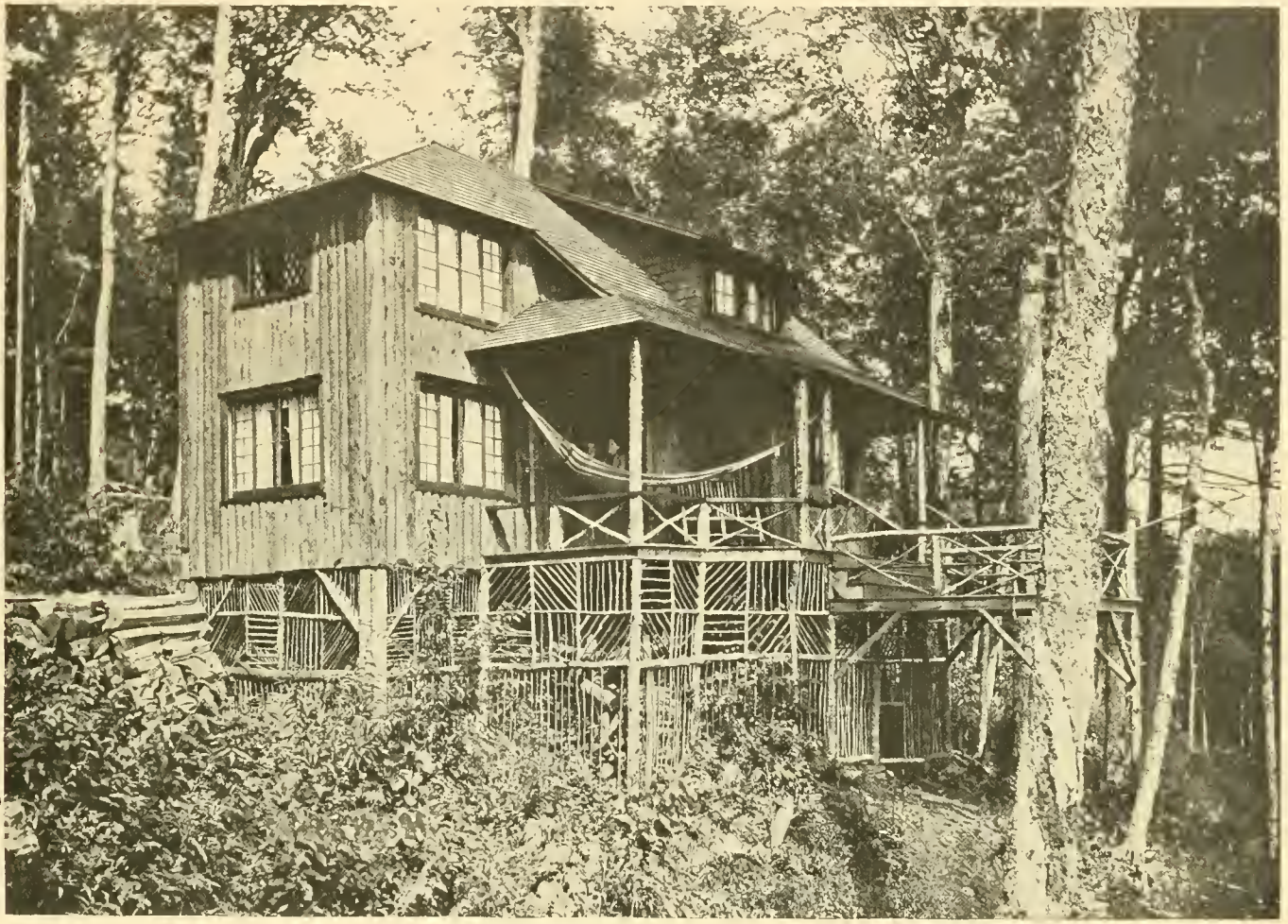
DEVIL'S LAKE

STONY CLOVE NOTCH

HAINES FALLS CANYON

KAATERSKILL LAKES FROM BEARS' DEN, NORTH MOUNTAIN

HAINES FALLS RAILROAD STATIONS



"EAGLE NEST"
Cottage of late Miss Frances E. Willard in Twilight Park. Miss Willard and Lady Henry Somerset in doorway.

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FAWN'S LEAP

LA BELLE FALLS

TYROLESE OUTLOOK, TWILIGHT PARK

HIGH ROCKS, PALENVILLE ROAD

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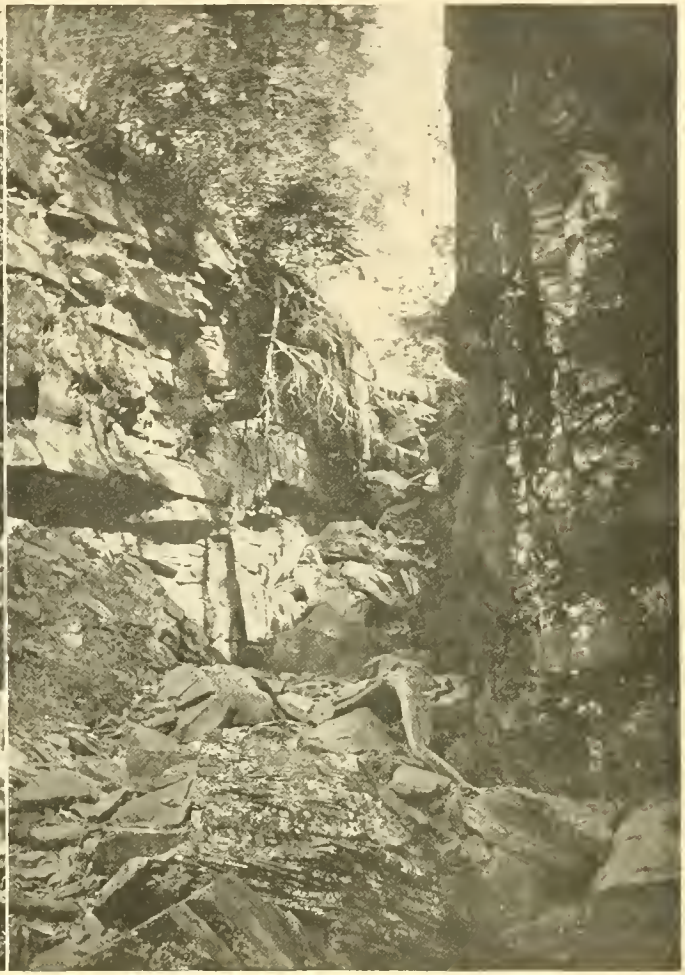
HAINES FALLS

THE FIVE CASCADES BELOW HAINES FALLS



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JACOB'S LADDER, NORTH MOUNTAIN

GRAND CANYON, PLATTERKILL CLOVE

A WOODLAND DRIVEWAY IN THE CATSKILLS

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